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OPINIONS DIVIDED ABOUT EXTENDING BAR HOURS TO 2AM

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DURHAM, NH – New Hampshire residents are divided about allowing state bars and restaurants to sell alcohol until 2 a.m. The strongest support for this idea is among young people.

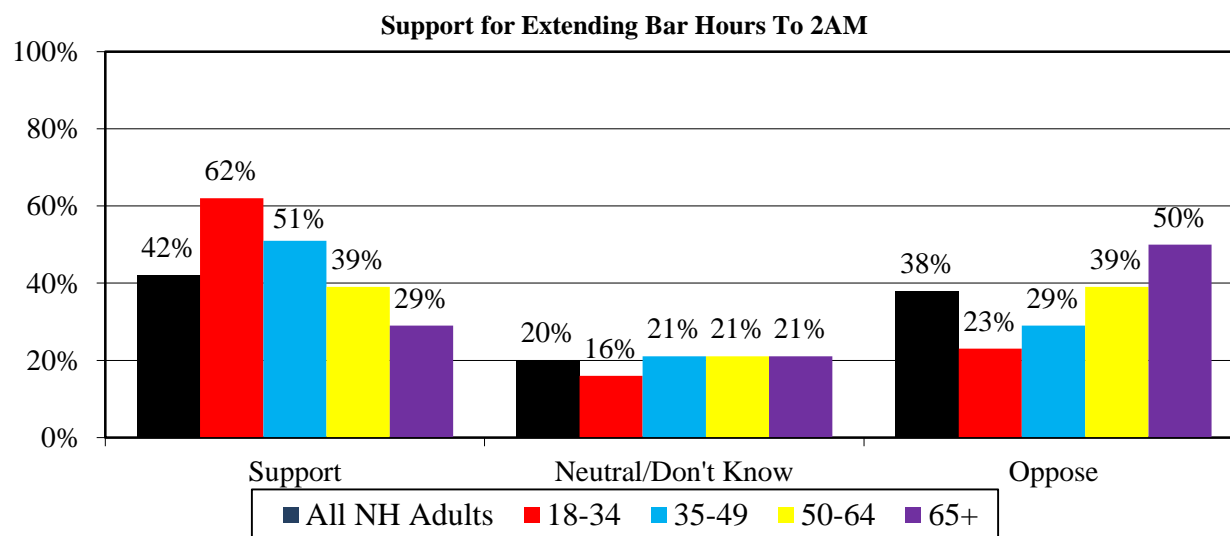
These findings are based on the latest **WMUR Granite State Poll**,* conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. Five hundred and seven (507) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between April 4 and April 9, 2013. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 4.4 percent.

Extending Bar Hours Until 2AM

A bill that would allow bars and restaurants to sell alcohol until 2 a.m. passed the New Hampshire legislature by a vote of 208 to 123 and is now being considered in the Senate. Currently bars and restaurants in the state are only allowed to sell alcohol until 1 a.m.

Support for extending bar hours is mixed with 42% saying they would support this move (26% strongly and 16% somewhat), 38% oppose (31% strongly and 7% somewhat), and 8% are neutral or don't know.

Support for extending bar hours is strongest among people aged 18-34 (62%). Opposition is strongest amongst those aged 65 and over (50%).



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Granite State Poll Methodology

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The data have been weighted to adjust for numbers of adults and telephone lines within households, respondent sex, and region of the state. In addition to potential sampling error, all surveys have other potential sources of non-sampling error including question order effects, question wording effects, and non-response.

Bars Open Until 2AM

“The Legislature is considering a bill that would let bars and restaurants sell alcohol until 2 a.m. – they can currently sell alcohol until 1 a.m. Would you say you support or oppose extending the hours bars and restaurants can sell alcohol to 2 a.m. or haven’t you thought enough about this to say?”

“Is that strongly or just somewhat?”

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Strongly Support	26%
Somewhat Support	16%
Neutral/Don't Know	20%
Somewhat Oppose	7%
Strongly Oppose	31%
(N=)	(505)

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STATEWIDE							
Registered Democrat	24%	15%	9%	11%	35%	7%	125
Registered Undeclared	24%	15%	13%	7%	32%	9%	228
Registered Republican	29%	17%	16%	6%	26%	5%	113
Democrat	26%	13%	9%	8%	34%	10%	201
Independent	23%	15%	8%	10%	34%	10%	121
Republican	27%	21%	18%	5%	24%	6%	170
Liberal	29%	17%	9%	8%	27%	10%	108
Moderate	21%	16%	10%	8%	35%	9%	222
Conservative	25%	18%	18%	5%	27%	7%	146
Support Tea Party	28%	20%	18%	8%	21%	6%	102
Neutral	24%	17%	11%	5%	36%	7%	159
Oppose Tea Party	25%	14%	10%	8%	32%	10%	206
Union household	35%	12%	7%	6%	29%	11%	64
Non union	24%	17%	13%	7%	31%	8%	437
Read Union Leader	25%	15%	10%	6%	33%	11%	152
Read Boston Globe	24%	12%	11%	5%	36%	11%	76
Watch WMUR	24%	16%	12%	7%	32%	9%	336
Listen to NHPR	27%	17%	12%	7%	30%	8%	152
18 to 34	47%	15%	8%	6%	17%	8%	59
35 to 49	30%	21%	15%	6%	23%	6%	128
50 to 64	21%	18%	9%	8%	31%	12%	175
65 and over	18%	11%	15%	6%	44%	6%	128
Male	35%	14%	14%	7%	26%	5%	247
Female	17%	18%	10%	8%	36%	11%	257
High school or less	31%	11%	13%	7%	32%	5%	100
Some college	28%	16%	13%	7%	29%	7%	115
College graduate	19%	17%	10%	9%	35%	10%	157
Post graduate	27%	20%	13%	5%	25%	0%	128
Attend services 1 or more/week	18%	20%	17%	5%	36%	3%	116
1 2 times a month	30%	11%	1%	10%	39%	9%	52
Less often	24%	18%	10%	5%	28%	14%	137
Never	29%	14%	14%	8%	27%	7%	186
North Country	23%	21%	19%	10%	20%	8%	39
Central / Lakes	24%	16%	8%	3%	35%	13%	81
Connecticut Valley	29%	21%	7%	7%	25%	12%	82
Mass Border	21%	15%	17%	8%	30%	9%	136
Seacoast	25%	17%	10%	9%	35%	4%	86
Manchester Area	33%	12%	11%	9%	34%	2%	81
First Cong. Dist	29%	16%	10%	9%	30%	5%	228
Second Cong. Dist	22%	17%	14%	6%	31%	10%	276